

**REMARKS:**


Claims 44 and 45 remain for consideration in this application with claim 44 being in independent format. Claims 1-43 are canceled without prejudice herein. Applicant hereby reserves the right to file divisional applications directed toward the subject matter of these canceled claims.

In the Office Action dated May 10, 2004, the Examiner issued a restriction requirement. In response, Applicant has elected Group IV, claims 44 and 45 for prosecution in this application.

Therefore, the present application should now be in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully requested. Any additional fee which is due in connection with this amendment should be applied against Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

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